

Grand Junction, Colorado

April 5, 1950

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock. Councilmen present and answering at roll call were Harper, Carson, Colescott, Martin, Hanson and President Hoisington. Councilman Dufford was absent. Also present were City Manager Toyne, City Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson.

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 15th and the special meeting held March 31st were read and approved.

This was the date set for hearing on the retail liquor store license for Mrs. Eugene Longo and Leona Longo, 326 So. 2nd. Petitions were on file by a large number of property owners in this section of town protesting the granting of the license stating that there were already seven liquor outlets in the neighborhood as well as three 3.2 beer licenses. Mr. Cecil Haynie, attorney for Mrs. Longo, presented petitions favoring the granting of the license. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the matter of the granting of the liquor license be tabled until the next regular meeting at which time a map showing those in favor of granting the license and those opposed to same can be prepared. Motion carried.

Applications for the renewal of 3.2 beer licenses for Safeway Stores, 125 No. 4th, City Market, 124 No. 4th, H. L. Senter, Mesa Co. Auction House, 425 No. 1st and Hughs Grocery at Houston & Cannel, were presented. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the renewals be granted. Motion carried.

Leland Schmidt and Marvin Jackson representing the Lions Club appeared before the Council in connection with putting in an Amusement Park in Lincoln Park. They have already ordered a miniature train and are interested in getting some Shetland ponies for the children to ride. Mr. Banks stated that he had in mind drawing up a contract with the Lions Club to cover the operation of the rides and also the ponies. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Carson that the City Manager and City Attorney drawn up a contract with the Lions Club for the operation of the amusement attractions at Lincoln Park. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

Chief of Police Joe Keith wrote a letter to the City Manager and a copy to the City Council in which he reported that Mr. Wieker, Proprietor of Moslander's Cigar Store, had sold beer to some teen age boys after which they had gone to an older man and through him had secured a fifth of whiskey. The boys had become intoxicated and two of them had fallen off the cliff on Orchard Mesa into the river. Mr. Wieker was cited into Police Court and fined \$25.00. The City has no ordinances regulating the sale of beer, only the so-called curfew law which forbids the sale of 3.2 beer to anyone under

18. The Council thanked Mr. Keith for reporting this matter to them and as the state liquor inspector was present at Mr. Wieker's trial, there was nothing more to be done at this time.

The matter of the annexation of Houlton's subdivision and K.E.X.O. was brought up. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Martin that the matter be tabled until the next regular meeting of the Council, or until the City Manager and City Engineer can reach a satisfactory agreement with K.E.X.O. on the dedication and use of streets and alleys in K.E.X.O.'s property. Motion carried.

The matter of the Junk dealers license issued to Ethington Brothers was again brought up and both City Attorney Banks and Attorney Coit were of the opinion that since Ethington Brothers do not have a place of business inside the city limits, they cannot have a license to do junk business. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the junk dealer's license of Ethington Brothers be revoked and the money which they have paid to the City Treasurer be refunded to them. Motion carried.

There have been numerous requests for adjustments of water bills. The first reading on the new meters showed excessive amounts of water consumed. This is attributed to leaks in plumbing or underground pipes. Most of the property owners have been notified that their water use was excessive and in nearly all instances leaks have been corrected. This condition will be prevalent for the next two or three months as Zones 2 and 3 get their first meter reading. Some discussion was had on how the adjustments should be handled, and it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Martin that the City Manager and the Water Department investigate all the overcharges and set up a basis of settlement; these to be approved in large groups by the Council. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Stoker, Park Superintendent, requested that he be granted permission to use approximately \$2,500 of the Moyer Pool Reserve Fund to install a new soda fountain at Moyer Pool. The old one is worn out and does not conform to present sanitation requirements. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that Mr. Stoker be authorized to spend \$2,500 on a new fountain for Moyer Pool, the money to be taken from the Moyer Pool Reserve Fund. Roll was called on the motion with all members present voting "AYE." President declared the motion carried. Councilman Hanson brought up the matter as to whether Mr. Stoker should advertise for bids for the fountain. There are no local dealers and Mr. Stoker stated that so far his investigation had shown only one dealer out of Denver. The Council were satisfied that he go ahead and purchase the fountain from this Company.

The Colorado Municipal League have asked the city to participate in a state and highway planning and financing program which budget will be \$11,500 for the whole state. The city's participation is \$255.00. This is over and above the regular annual

dues of \$165.00. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Carson that the City cooperate with this Colorado Municipal League in their highway program, and that we pay our proportionate share of \$255.00 and also annual dues of \$165.00. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

Two thank-you notes were received, one from Mr. & Mrs. Claude E. Stevens on North Avenue, thanking the Council for their cooperation in solving the North Avenue zoning problem; the other, from Mr. Hobb Ferguson for the city's support of his Human Relations Program. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that the letters be received and filed. Motion carried.

City Councilman Martin brought up the matter of paying John Burton a bonus for his work as Acting City Manager. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the matter be referred to the finance committee and returned to the Council for action. Motion carried.

Mr. Morrison, Mesa Co. Dog Advisory Board, appeared before the Council in regard to a county-wide licensing of dogs. He stated that there was to be a meeting on Friday night in the auditorium at which time this matter would be discussed. He asked if the Council would cooperate in case such a program were set up by either turning their licenses over to the County and letting them handle it all or cooperating with labor or in some way to work out a system whereby the County or someone or some organization would license every dog in the County and the fees from these licenses would be used to finance policing, collections, etc. The Council expressed themselves as being very willing to cooperate in any way they could and would be glad to have the County or some other organization be responsible for the dog control.

Mr. Black at the Speedway Station, 5th & Colorado, requested that he be allowed to enlarge his driveway by joining the two present driveways. This would necessitate the removing of one parking meter but would considerably lessen traffic hazards at this location. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that the City Manager, City Engineer and Chief of Police be authorized to grant permission for this driveway extension, approximately thirty feet wide, between the two existing driveways. Motion carried.

It was reported by City Engineer Burton that some party is desirous of putting in a first-class restaurant in the Administration Building at Walker Field. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the City Engineer and City Manager be authorized to negotiate a contract for a restaurant in the Airport Administration Building. Motion carried.

The Council expressed themselves as being in favor of the City putting on an intensive Clean-Up and Paint-Up Campaign. They would like this campaign to be conducted starting on April 11th and requested President Hoisington to issue a proclamation asking people to get all their rubbish cleaned up and put in the alleys and

to paint up their property. The City Manager was authorized to proceed with the necessary advertising and publicity to make this week a success. Mr. Carson reported that someone was still dumping undesirable material at the dump by Grand Avenue viaduct and on Biggs-Kurtz Co. property. This matter was referred to the City Manager with instructions to ask Biggs-Kurtz Co. to close this property for dumping purposes.

The matter of irrigation ditches running on the different streets and along the sidewalks in the newer parts of the city was discussed. The city has an ordinance requiring that all irrigation ditches inside the city should be covered. This matter was referred to the City Attorney with instructions to give notice to all property owners that ditches must be covered.

This date had been set for the hearing on the proposed plat of North Sunnyvale Acres and East Elm Avenue Heights subdivisions. There were no objections filed to either plat so it was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Martin that the plat of North Sunnyvale Acres be accepted and filed by the President of the Council, attested by the City Clerk and that it be approved and filed with the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder and that a copy thereof be placed on file in the office of the County Assessor and City Engineer. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Martin that the Plat of East Elm Avenue Heights be accepted and filed by the President of the Council and attested by the City Clerk and that it be approved and filed with the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder and that a copy thereof be placed on file in the office of the County Assessor and City Engineer. Motion carried.

The City Clerk reported on the letters received by the Council and K.F.X.J. on abolishing the Zoo.

It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk